

Brock Pierce

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Background

Wikipedia

Brock Pierce (born November 14, 1980) is an American entrepreneur, former child actor. As a child actor, he was in Disney films *The Mighty Ducks* (1992), *D2: The Mighty Ducks* (1994) and *First Kid* (1996).

Pierce was an Executive VP at Digital Entertainment Network and he was arrested with other company executives by Interpol in Spain in May 2002. Pierce has been involved in the establishment of digital currencies and virtual goods.[3] He founded Internet Gaming Entertainment in 2001 and ZAM in 2003. Many of Pierce's companies have operated in this virtual space.

Pierce is active in the Bitcoin/Blockchain ecosystem, with numerous speaking engagements, conference activities, and community involvement. In May 2014, Pierce was elected Director of the Bitcoin Foundation.[5] Pierce is founder and managing partner at Blockchain Capital,[6] a venture capital firm that is amongst the most active venture capital firms in Fintech.

Pierce supports non-profit and advocacy efforts, and is a member of the Clinton Global Initiative. He has been a guest lecturer at the Milken Global Conference, [9] Singularity University, Stanford, USC, Caltech, and UCLA. In 2000 three young actors filed a civil lawsuit claiming Pierce sexually abused them, also naming fellow Digital Entertainment Network executives Chad Shackley and Marc Collins-Rector.

Acting career

Pierce was born in [Minnesota](#), and appeared in commercials as a toddler. His first major role was playing a young Gordon Bombay in *The Mighty Ducks*

(1992). Pierce reprised the role in D2: The Mighty Ducks. He starred as Luke Davenport in First Kid (1996). Pierce had small roles in Little Big League (1994), Ripper Man (1995), Problem Child 3 (1995), Three Wishes (1995), and Earth Minus Zero (1996).

From Entrepreneurship

Digital Entertainment Network

In 1999, Pierce was an executive vice-president of the Digital Entertainment Network, a company that created four-to-six minute streaming-video series, having raised \$88m dollars from blue chip investors. As an 18-year-old, Pierce was making \$250,000 a year and held 1% of the company's shares, a board member describing him as "the guy who could tell us what Gen-Yers were likely to think". Pierce resigned from DEN in October 1999.

Bitcoin/cryptocurrency career

Pierce is known for his work with Bitcoin and other digital currencies, as an advisor, founder, and investor. Pierce has invested in over 30 companies in the blockchain ecosystem, helped raise over \$200MM for companies he is involved with, is a mentor for startup accelerators, and runs a top AngelList syndicate. Pierce is a founder, board member, or advisor for several Bitcoin companies, including GoCoin, Tether, ZenBox, Blade Financial, Expresscoin, Noble Markets, BitGo and ChangeTip.

Additional Relevant Facts

Bloomberg page: [\[1\]](#)

- See Also: Infogalactic page for Brock Pierce [\[2\]](#)
- FB: [\[3\]](#)
- Co-founded IGE (**Internet Gaming Entertainment**) in 2001/02 (?) [\[4\]](#)
"IGE® is a diversified service provider operating the world's largest secure network of buying and selling sites for massively multiplayer online game (MMOG) **virtual currency and assets** on the Internet. Since its founding in 2002 by consummate gamers, IGE® has been an industry trailblazer and a market steward. In meeting the demand of game players to buy, sell and trade in-game items, IGE® provides gamers with fast transactions, 24-hour customer service and guaranteed transactional security. IGE® is dedicated to improving gamer services and fostering a more enjoyable gaming experience."
 - sounds like Bitcoin... online money.. or transferring/buying intangible online currency
 - when disbanded website/service? why?
 - rumors of a \$60 million Goldman Sachs investment in IGE
- Titan Gaming/Playsino
 - from Pierce's wiki: "In 2010, Titan Gaming recruited Pierce to sit on its board..."
- Affinity Media

- Affinity Media Properties: [5]

started an independent production company while attending USC film school

house in the Laurel Canyon hills, [California](#) [6]

- [7] **Caltech Entrepreneurs Forum** Speakers Biographies

- "Brock Pierce: Digital Currency Pioneer, Serial Entrepreneur

Brock Pierce is a 10x entrepreneur best known for pioneering the market for **digital currency**. He has raised more than \$200 million on behalf of his companies and led more than **30 acquisitions**. Pierce launched his first of many digital currency startups in **1998**, which have collectively processed billions of dollars in sales. He was an early **adopter and advocate of Bitcoin** beginning with mining in 2009, **starting numerous businesses in the Bitcoin economy**, and speaking at many notable **conferences** on the subject including the **Milken Global Conference in 2012**. Pierce is currently a Managing Director of the **Clearstone Global Gaming Fund** and sits on the **boards of IMI Exchange, Xfire, Playsino, GoCoin, FGL, Spicy Horse Games, KnCMiner.cn and the Mastercoin Foundation**. He is also an active **angel investor**, member of Bit Angels and an investor in BTC [China](#). "

- Lawsuits:

- May 30, 2007, a 28-year-old gamer named Antonio Hernandez filed a multimillion-dollar class-action lawsuit against IGE in a US district court in Florida.

- (?) Debonneville sued Pierce in Los Angeles federal court

- Business Associates: (Swiss) Alan Debonneville, Jonathan Yantis, (Jinhua, [China](#)) Liu Haibin, Stephen Bannon, Salyer (?), Randy Maslow,

- Associated locations (of business or personal):

- Marabella, Spain (2001 - IGE corporate headquarters, etc)

- Thailand? (alleged vacation?)

- Africa (?) Liberia (?)

- Boca Raton, Florida (IGE US headquarters)

- [Hong Kong](#), (IGE 'base of operation' & two floors in the same building as AOL Time Warner Asia)

- Shanghai, [China](#) (IGE supply center)

- New York - (attended) the second State of Play conference

Relationship to #Pizzagate

Connection to the **Clinton Global Initiative**, part of the **Clinton Foundation**

- Pierce supports non-profit and advocacy efforts, and is a member of the Clinton Global Initiative, part of the [Clinton Foundation](#).^[8]
- 4Dec2008 From *Wired*, "On the drive back up to his house in the Laurel Canyon hills, [Pierce] kept talking, telling me about his current list of projects, entrepreneurial and otherwise. He had just **sold a casino** in the [Philippines](#). There was an **oil deal** in [Kazakhstan](#). He was doing philanthropic work with the [Clinton Global Initiative](#). He was working with the **family of the president** of [El Salvador](#) to make some worthy **documentary** or another."^[9]
- donated to [Clinton Foundation](#) in 2009

Connection to **Digital Entertainment Network**

- In 2000, three young actors filed a civil lawsuit claiming Pierce sexually abused them, also naming fellow [Digital Entertainment Network](#) executives Chad Shackley and Marc Collins-Rector.^[10]

Connection to **Jeffrey Epstein** ^[11]

Timeline

- **14Nov1980** - born
- **1983** - (age 3) was in a commercial
- **1992** - (age 12) he was in [Disney](#) film 'The Mighty Ducks'
- **1994** - (age 14) he was in [Disney](#) film 'D2: The Mighty Ducks', small role in Little Big League (1994), ...
- **1995** (age 15) small role in Ripper Man (1995), Problem Child 3 (1995), Three Wishes (1995), ...
- **1996** - (age 16) he was in [Disney](#) film 'First Kid', Earth Minus Zero (1996), ...
- **1999(?) - Oct1999** - (age 19) Pierce was an executive vice-president and resigned in Oct
- **2000** - part of lawsuit??? defendant?... None of the three DEN founders could be located, and default judgments totaling \$4.5 million were handed down

did Pierce contest the lawsuit two years later?

- **May2001** - (age 21) founded Internet Gaming Entertainment (IGE) (changed to IMI)

- "...setting up corporate headquarters in a 700-square-foot office in downtown Marbella ([Spain](#))..."

- same place 3 DEN founders were found and arrested ?

- **June2002** - police detention alongside [Marc Collins-Rector](#) and [Chad Shackley](#) in [Spain](#)

- **2003** - (age 23) co-founded (?) ZAM

- Nov2003 - State of Play conference on virtual worlds in New York City

- **2004/2005** - IGE spent more than \$25 million buying out seven smaller competitors, including four auction platforms and a number of fan and content sites.

- 22Jan2004 - according to press release: IGE and Yantis' MySuperSales site were merging

- **2005** - Pierce estimated that IGE accounted for about 50% of this online market in the U.S., which has about \$500 million in annual volume

- which online market exactly?

- **26June2007** - Pierce resigned from his CEO position at IGE/IMI Exchange
- **2009** - donated to Clinton Foundation (links?)
- **2010** - (age 30) Titan Gaming recruited Pierce to sit on its board
- **May2014** - (age 34) Pierce was elected Director of the Bitcoin Foundation

Articles

- **18Nov2003** [\[12\]](#) - Play Money, Meet Big Money

- "Brock Pierce looks like a Norman Rockwell 13-year-old, talks like a coked-up 35-year-old, and happens to have turned 23 last Friday. He is either my new best friend or my new worst nightmare..."

- **12June2004** [\[13\]](#) - (The Walrus) Game Theories - Online fantasy games have booming economies and citizens who love their political systems. Are these virtual worlds the best place to study the real one?
- **25Oct2004** [\[14\]](#) - Material gains from virtual world - Imagine money being made out of virtually nothing being traded
- **26June2007** [\[15\]](#) - (AffinityMedia) Affinity Media Announces New CEO

- "...As a part of this transition, **Brock Pierce** has decided to resign his position as CEO of Affinity Media. Brock felt it was the best time to step down and bring in a new CEO to take the company into its next stage...Brock will remain a trusted advisor to and a board member of Affinity Media and will also be pursuing new business endeavors..."

- **24Nov2008** [\[16\]](#) - (**Wired**) The Decline and Fall of an Ultra Rich Online Gaming Empire
- **4Dec2008** [\[17\]](#) - (**Wired**) A Drive Through Laurel Canyon With Brock Pierce

tone of the article seems strange... purposefully avoiding DEN scandal discussion

- **8May2012** [\[18\]](#) - (Business Insider) (**written by Brock Pierce**) Here's Why This 'Mighty Ducks' Star Thinks LA Is The Hub Of Entrepreneurs

- **15Aug2014** [\[19\]](#) - (VentureBeat) Here are our big speakers for GamesBeat 2014: Peter Molyneux, Zynga's Clive Downie, and Unity's David Helgason

- "...Our advisers include: Brock Pierce, the managing director of the Clearstone Global Fund..."

Themes

**The [Cycle of Abuse](#)
[Bitcoin Industry](#)**

In Media

- Documentary, [An Open Secret](#), directed by Amy Berg, released November 14th, 2014: [\[20\]](#)

See Also

- [Oakwood Apartments](#)
- [Digital Entertainment Network](#) (DEN)
- [Bob Villard](#)
photographer of questionable children headshots (spoken of in the '[An Open Secret](#)' documentary [\[21\]](#))